

OPINION 2085 (Case 3214)***Aegorhinus* Erichson, 1834 (Insecta, Coleoptera): given precedence over *Psuchocephalus* Latreille, 1828**

Abstract. The Commission has ruled that the generic name *Aegorhinus* Erichson, 1834, for a genus of South American weevils (family CURCULIONIDAE), is conserved by giving it precedence over the earlier name *Psuchocephalus* Latreille, 1828 whenever the two are considered to be synonyms. The name *Psuchocephalus* Latreille, 1828 was used as the valid name by Alonso-Zarazaga & Lyal in 1999.

Keywords. Nomenclature; taxonomy; Coleoptera; CURCULIONIDAE; *Aegorhinus*; *Psuchocephalus*; *Aegorhinus phaleratus*; *Curculio leprosus*; weevils; Argentina; Chile; Subantarctic subregion.

Ruling

- (1) Under the plenary power it is hereby ruled that the name *Aegorhinus* Erichson, 1834 is given precedence over the name *Psuchocephalus* Latreille, 1828, whenever the two are considered to be synonyms.
- (2) The following names are hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology:
 - (a) *Aegorhinus* Erichson, 1834 (gender: masculine), type species by monotypy *Aegorhinus phaleratus* Erichson, 1834, with the endorsement that it is to be given precedence over the name *Psuchocephalus* Latreille, 1828 whenever the two are considered to be synonyms;
 - (b) *Psuchocephalus* Latreille, 1828 (gender: masculine), type species by monotypy *Curculio leprosus* Olivier, 1807, with the endorsement that it is not to be given priority over the name *Aegorhinus* Erichson, 1834 whenever the two are considered to be synonyms.
- (3) The following names are hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology:
 - (a) *phaleratus* Erichson, 1834, as published in the binomen *Aegorhinus phaleratus* (specific name of the type species of *Aegorhinus* Erichson, 1834);
 - (b) *vitulus* Fabricius, 1775, as published in the binomen *Curculio vitulus* (senior synonym of *Curculio leprosus* Olivier, 1807, the specific name of the type species of *Psuchocephalus* Latreille, 1828).
- (4) The name *Psuhocephalus* Imhoff, 1856 (an incorrect subsequent spelling of *Psuchocephalus* Latreille, 1828) is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Generic Names in Zoology.

History of Case 3214

An application to conserve the generic name *Aegorhinus* Erichson, 1834, for a genus of South American weevils (family CURCULIONIDAE), by giving it precedence over the earlier name *Psuchocephalus* Latreille, 1828, which was used as the valid name by Alonso-Zarazaga & Lyal in 1999, was received from Mario Elgueta (*Museo*

Nacional de Historia Natural, Santiago, Chile) and Guillermo Kuschel (*Mt Roskill, Auckland, New Zealand*) on 30 July 2001. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 59: 253–255. The title, abstract and keywords of the case were published on the Commission's website. A comment from Alonso-Zarazaga & Lyal in support of the application was published in BZN 60: 144 (June 2003).

Decision of the Commission

On 1 March 2004 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 59: 254. At the close of the voting period on 1 June 2004 the votes were as follows: 21 Commissioners voted FOR the proposals, no Commissioners voted AGAINST, Bouchet, Calder and Ng were on leave of absence, no vote was received from Macpherson.

Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on Official Lists and an Official Index by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

- Aegorhinus* Erichson, 1834, *Nova Acta Physico-Medica Academiae Caesareae Leopoldino-Carolinae Naturae Curiosorum*, 16(suppl.): 261.
phaleratus, *Aegorhinus*, Erichson, 1834, *Nova Acta Physico-Medica Academiae Caesareae Leopoldino-Carolinae Naturae Curiosorum*, 16(suppl.): 262.
Psuchocephalus Latreille, 1828, *Dictionnaire Classique d'Histoire Naturelle*, vol. 14, p. 597.
Psuphocephalus Imhoff, 1856, *Versuch einer Einführung in das Studium der Koleopteren*, p. 221.
vitulus, *Curculio*, Fabricius, 1775, *Systema Entomologiae*, p. 152.